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SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS OF 1500 (EDT) JULY 19

THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS. CYPRIOT "FOREIGN MINISTER" DIMITRIOU IN A PRESS CONFERENCE SAID THAT HE IS READY TO GO TO ANKARA TO TALK WITH THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER AND EMPHASIZED HIS REGIME'S DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. REPORTS IN NICOSIA OF TROUBLE WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN FAMAGUSTA AND SIMILAR REPORTS IN FAMAGUSTA ABOUT NICOSIA APPEAR TO BE UNFOUNDED.

MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT CONFIRMED THAT ELEMENTS OF ITS FLEET HAVE SAILED BUT REFUSED TO COMMENT ON ITS OBJECTIVES. THE USS SANTA BARBARA REPORTED SIGHTING A 5 UNIT TURKISH TASK FORCE STEAMING SOUTHEAST PARALLEL TO THE TURKISH COAST NEAR RHODES. THE HELLENIC NAVY AT SALAMIS NAVY YARD HAS BEEN REPORTEDLY PUT ON THE
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ALERT, AND FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AT TANAGRA AIR BASE ARE
ON MANNED ALERT.

NATO. THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE AT THE NAC HAS REJECTED
THE GREEK OFFER TO REPLACE THE 650 OFFICERS AT THE CYPRIOT
NATIONAL GUARD AS INADEQUATE. THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE
SAID ANKARA STILL INSISTS ON COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF THE
OFFICERS.

US EFFORTS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT SECRETARY
KISSINGER WILL MEET WITH MAKARIOS ON MONDAY. UNDER-
SECRETARY SISCO HAS DEPARTED ATHENS AND IS HOLDING DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS FRIDAY EVENING.

UK. THE UK GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS FORMALLY
INVITED THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES
TO LONDON FOR TALKS, AND THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THE
GREEKS MAY RESPOND FAVORABLY.

TURKEY. TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT ON HIS RETURN FROM
LONDON CALLED ON THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF AND FORCE
COMMANDERS AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT AND CONVENED TWO
SESSIONS OF THE CABINET. ACCORDING TO AN ANKARA NEWS
REPORT, WHEN A JOURNALIST ASKED HIM WHETHER ENOSIS
COULD BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING BEEN EFFECTED BY INDIRECT
COUP WITHOUT CALLING IT ENOSIS, ECEVIT REPLIED THAT
"IT CAN BE CONSIDERED AS SUCH." THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT
IS TO CONVENE JULY 20 TO HEAR FROM ECEVIT. ACCORDING
TO THE TURKISH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, THE PARLIAMENT WILL
GIVE THE GOT "NECESSARY POWERS" REGARDING CYPRUS.

UN. PRESSURE IS BUILDING FOR AN EARLY SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION DEMANDING GREEK WITHDRAWAL OF
MILITARY OFFICERS FROM THE CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD.
THE USSR HAS DEMANDED A VOTE TODAY ON THE REVISED
FIVE-POWER DRAFT RESOLUTION. THE CYPRIOT "FOREIGN
MINISTER" NOTIFIED SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM OF THE
DESIGNATION OF A NEW CYPRUS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN.
THE SECURITY COUNCIL REAFFIRMED YESTERDAY'S DECISION TO
HEAR MAKARIOS AS PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS. INGERSOLL
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